

Red Tag Sale

The Annual Event at This Store Begins Tuesday, January 22, Continuing Until Saturday, January 26, Inclusive

Savings that Range from 25 to 50%

See Our Large Display Adv. on Page 3 of this issue.

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Ambulance Service—Undertakers

PRIVATE BROCK GETTING FAT.

Barre Boy Increases Size of Trousers with Every New Pair.

A letter full of cheer has been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Brock from their son, Dean Brock, with the American expeditionary forces in France, as follows:

Dec. 27, 1917.
Dear Folks: Just a line to say that I am all O. K. and hope you are the same. Well, I guess now I am fixed so I can write pretty often, so you can get a letter more often. I have not received the box that my sweater is in yet; it must be going all over France, but I think I will get it now before long.

Christmas eve I received a box with six cans of tobacco, a fruit cake and some chocolate bars. Don't know who it was from yet. It came in a tin can. We are getting anywhere from four to six bags of mail a day, so probably before New Year's I will receive some more boxes. Well, last night I got three letters from you, telling about "Stub" Geddes, and I hope he will make good at West Point. I also got one from Mr. Geddes, so you can tell him I received it and was glad to hear that "Stub" was going to West Point. I also got one from sister, and tell her and brother I will write them in a week. I got the pictures she sent me all O. K.

Well, we had some time here Christmas, now believe me. We had a big Christmas tree in the cook house, all lighted up with candles, and the room was decorated with red, white and blue paper. We each had a Christmas present from the company. I got five nice handkerchiefs, and believe me, I was glad to get them, and as I say, I also got the box. We got our captain an overcoat for a present.

Well, last Saturday some of the boys and I went to a little town, and I bought me some spirals. Those are the legions that you wind round the legs. They cost 12 francs; that is about \$3 in our money. Then we went into a baker shop and the six of us all bought a pie. It was a squash pie, and believe me, it was good, and we all bought some walnuts and dates and chocolate bars. A chocolate bar here costs 31c. Well, after we had done all the shopping we wanted to, we went into a French cafe and had a supper, consisting of bread, butter, wine, apple pie, French-fried potatoes, and steak, all for four francs apiece, which is 80c in our money. They sell lots of wine here to the boys, but it is too sour for me, so don't worry about my drinking France up.

Well, I hope everything in Barre is O. K. Remember me to the people. If I were you, folks, I would look up the house and go south with the rest. Well, I have just thought of my box again, and I remember the address now that was on the box, so it must have come from you. The cake was in fine condition, and it was mighty good, too.

Well, we are having a good old Vermont snowstorm now. It has snowed about four inches so far and is still snowing. I have all I want to eat, so don't think I am starving. We have oatmeal and karo, bread and coffee, and sometimes we have rice with karo, and believe me, it is good. The next morning we have bacon and potatoes, and then we start over again. For supper we usually have mashed potato, roast beef, bread and coffee, and for supper we have baked beans, canned peaches or hash, corned beef, so you see I can't be very hungry. I am so fat that every time I get a pair of breeches or a coat I have to get a size larger, and it is all I can do to get my overcoat on.

Well, I guess this is all for this week, so will close, wishing you all a happy New Year.

Co. A, 101st Machine Gun Battalion, 28th Division, A. E. F.

Park theatre open to-day, closed Tuesday—adv.

TALK OF THE TOWN

Miss Julia Carter has returned to the city, after passing some time with her mother in Ferrisburg.

M. J. Richardson has returned to his home in St. Albans, after passing a few days in the city on business.

Daniel McLeay returned to his work in Fayston yesterday after passing several days with friends in Barre and Graniteville.

The surgical dressings class, which has been working Monday afternoons, will meet Wednesday afternoons until further notice.

George McDonald, who is employed in the office of a munition plant in Springfield, is visiting for a few days at his home on North Main street.

William Gearin returned this forenoon to Burlington, where he is employed, after spending the past two weeks at his home on North Main street.

Owing to the new mail schedule made necessary by the changes in train service, no collections from boxes will be made in Barre after 5 p. m. Other changes are contemplated.

Although all banks in Barre were open as usual to-day, they will be closed Monday evening, beginning to-night for the next 10 weeks, as a part of the fuel conservation movement. Every bank in the city is to observe the agreement.

Percy Keir, who is supplying a number of farmers in this vicinity with the sugaring outfit he manufactures in Craftsbury, returned to his home last evening, after passing a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gladding of South Main street.

John Wilson, a sailor in the U. S. navy, returned this morning to an Atlantic seaport, where he will join his shipmates on board one of the U. S. transports, after spending the past few days on a short furlough at the home of his parents on South Main street.

Sergt. Clarence Geddes, who has been passing a few days at his home on Washington street, returned this morning to Northfield, where he is pursuing a special course at Norwich university, preparatory to submitting himself to examination for admission to West Point.

About 15 members of the senior class at Spaulding, accompanied by Miss Eva Smith of the high school faculty and by Edwin Smith of White River Junction, a former member of the Spaulding faculty, started out Saturday afternoon on a snowshoe hike, with the Slayton farm on the east hill as their destination. Upon their arrival there a substantial lunch was prepared and the return to the city was made later in the afternoon.

Fast travelers from the Slayton training stables on South Main street are to start at Montpelier again to-morrow, according to a statement made to-day by R. A. Slayton, who expects to take part of his string to the capital to-morrow morning. Among them will be the famous Betty Deen, and her presence on the ice lane is calculated to arouse a good deal of added interest to the races. A number of racing fans from Barre were present at the meet on the Winooski river course Saturday.

Charles Hoyt of Maple Grove, who has been doing spare duty on the main line of the Central Vermont since recovering from a severe injury received in an accident on the Williamstown branch last fall, is back at his old task as baggage master on the Barre branch. He resumed his duties this morning, and Frank Hinton, who has been filling the vacancy, expected to leave for St. Albans to be employed as a brakeman. However, his journey was postponed when Walter Darling was taken suddenly ill, and for the present he is serving as yard brakeman.

Carefree schoolboys, hilarious over their defeat of Montpelier high school Friday evening, made short shrift of some rather valuable boxes in the rear of a Barre hardware store, and a merchant who saw the firewood go up in smoke is wondering just how far the packing cases would have gone toward keeping someone warm. In most instances where fuel was obtained for the big bonfire in the square permission was obtained, but the owner of the premises where the most valuable boxes were found was not advised of the celebration plan.

Three Barre young men, all of whom were enrolled in the senior class of Spaulding high school, left this forenoon for White River Junction, where they enlisted in the U. S. army last Thursday, they being Eldon Ball of Hill street, who enlisted as instrument repairman in the signal corps, William Blanchard of South Main street and Charles Beck of Branch street, who enlisted as clerks in the Headquarters company of the 1st Vermont regiment. Messrs. Ball, Blanchard and Beck expect to spend a few days at the White River Junction before going to Charlotte, N. C., where they are to be stationed at Camp Greene.

Granite manufacturers and granite workers alike are looking with favor upon a proposal to suspend the Saturday half-holiday for a time, and while the movement to attain this end has not taken official form as yet, much is being said in support of it. Joint action by the manufacturers' association and the various unions connected with the industry will be necessary before the whistles sound at 1 p. m. Saturdays. More than the arrival of the winter, due to cold weather and the inevitable holiday suspension have been encountered this winter, and it has been said that employers and employees would welcome the opportunity to work.

A general shake-up in train schedules on the Central Vermont railroad became effective to-day, and while the changes are not so pronounced on the Barre branch, the service is curtailed somewhat. On the 8:25 a. m. connection there is no longer a train going south and points south cannot be reached until near noon, when the southbound connection leaves at 11:45, instead of 11:55. Two afternoon trains are combined, and the train leaving at 4:45 will make north and south connections. The midnight train, so called, is to leave at 12:30 instead of 12:35 a. m. to make connections for the south, and the early morning northbound train will leave at 2:30, instead of 2:55.

First among the Barre and Barre Town boys "over there" to acknowledge receipt of the Christmas tobacco offering mailed by George M. Marston, the Depot square tobacconist, is Private Robert D. Baker, whose letter indicates that the consignment of tobacco, cigarettes, pipes and pipe cleaners donated by Mr. Marston was in the hands of the smokers by Christmas. Thus far more than 60 soldiers and sailors have yet to go over to tobacco, but before the arrival of Private Baker's letter Mr. Marston was in doubt as to whether the packages destined for overseas consumption had reached their destination. The letter is wholly reassuring, for Private Baker says: "Just a line to thank you for that box I received at Christmas. I enjoyed smoking the pipe and some good American tobacco. And if I ever get back to Barre I will drop in to see you."

Friends of Frank McPherson, who had his hands and feet badly frozen in a blizzard the Maine woods the beginning of December, will be glad to hear that he is improving. His feet have healed and his right hand is getting on very well, but at times it is very stiff and painful. The left hand is worse, and the doctor is not sure yet of saving the tips of the fingers, as they were frozen to the bone. Friends will also be sorry to hear of Mr. McPherson's brother's death. He enlisted in Canada at the beginning of the war and was killed on the 11th of November at the battle of Passchendaele. Another brother is in the hospital. Friends of his mother here in Barre will be sorry to learn of her bereavement. Frank McPherson lived at the home of James Scott, 73 Maple avenue, and left here about seven weeks ago.

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Our Stock Taking Sale

Here Are Some Values That Will Surely Interest Many

In this sale are what we have left in Suits at one-half price; these values should interest any who want a Suit. We have gone through our skirt stock and picked out all odd models and put them on one rack at one-half price.

What we have left in Children's Coats in sizes 3 to 7 years are all in this sale at one-half the original price for the next few days.

One lot of fleeced lined Wrappers in greys that sold at \$1.50, now only \$1.25 in this sale.



Stock-Taking Sale

Anything that you buy from this sale will be a big help to you in making your spring purchases.

Blankets

All Soiled Blankets at a special discount from old prices.

One lot of very large White Cotton Blankets, 70x80. These are all of them soiled. This lot in our window at \$2.49 each. Will look good to you next fall at \$3.50 or more.

Several Wool Blankets in this sale at a liberal discount. One pair All Wool Red Blankets at \$6.50. One pair Imported Scotch, a genuine Scotch Blanket, \$12.00, for \$10.00. Wool Blankets at our prices are less than the mill prices to-day. What will they be next fall?

One lot of Colored Outing Flannel in our basement at 18c per yard. The market price to-day is 25c per yard.

Stock-Taking Sale

This sale in past years has made us as busy as our Clearance Sale. It is the last end of our year's work. All the odd lots are in this sale.

Several grades of Ladies' Corsets. A good assortment. Kinds that we cannot get more of; these at about half price.

Best Percales are worth 25c to-day. Here is a small lot of odd styles that are all good, at 16c per yard.

One table of Wash Goods, assorted kinds. These all at once price, 15c per yard.

One lot of Silk-Striped Wash Goods that are worth from 50c to 65c per yard. This lot at 29c per yard.

One lot of Black and White Imported Jap Silk Sleeveless Jackets, worth to-day \$1.50. Sale price, now 98c.

Sale of Separate Furs

In this sale is a lot of odd furs in Muffs and Separate Neck Pieces, in the good wearing furs of the season. These are odd pieces that remain from Sets that we have broken. These we have put on one rack to clean up stock at one-half the original price. These are values that should interest any who want a good warm Neck Piece or Muff.

What we have left in Furs of all kinds go into this Stock-Taking Sale at one-fourth off from the regular price. These are our best Sets, Separate Furs and Fur Coats. You should get your share of these values.

Waist Values

We have on one rack a lot of odd Silk Waists in qualities that are the best. These are Waists that sold at from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Now in this sale at one-fourth off from the regular price.

One lot of White Cotton Waists on one table, to close at one-half price.

Ladies' Separate Coats

We have a few Sport Coats in qualities that sold at \$15.00. These we are closing out at only \$2.98 each.

At one-fourth off from the regular prices are what we have left in Misses' Junior Coats. These are a fine All-Wool Velour, Bellver and Zibeline Coats, in sizes 15 and 17 years.

In the Ladies' Warm Coats we have some unusually good values. When you consider the advanced price of wool and woolen goods, you can readily see what you can save by buying a Coat now. Never was there a season when Coats were built on such conservative lines as this season, making this season's Coats good for another season, both in style and in quality. See these values.

We have a lot of Printzees and Woolex Suits that are in this sale at one-half the original price. These are Suits that are made to keep their shape and from the best of wool materials. What we have left are in this sale.

The Daylight Store

TALK OF THE TOWN

Park theatre open to-day, closed Tuesday—adv.

Basketball, armory, Montpelier, Spaulding vs. Montpelier Seminary, Monday, Jan. 21, 8 p. m. admission, 25c.

Macbeths attention: Please pay all dues and assessments to the new record keeper, Mrs. Isabelle Walker, 4 Cleveland avenue.

Boy scouts of troop 4 will meet at the Methodist church Monday night at 6:30 o'clock for a short but very important meeting. Everybody present.

Seward W. Jones of Boston has been passing a few days in the city on business connected with the granite manufacturing plant of Jones Bros.

The Universalist ladies will hold a rummage sale in the Congregational vestry this week Friday and Saturday, afternoon and evening. Donations may be left at the parsonage any day or at the vestry Friday forenoon—adv.

Miss Grace Alexander of Branch street, daughter of Alderman and Mrs. Henry Alexander, submitted to an operation at the City hospital Saturday for the removal of the second toe on each foot. The patient survived the ordeal well and was able to be taken to her home last evening. To-day she was reported to be resting comfortably.

William T. Halvosa, a former Barre boy, who has been employed in a government office in Balboa, Panama, for several years, is passing several days at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Halvosa of Camp street.

The opportunity to register for military service in the United States did not present itself to Mr. Halvosa until to-day, when he went to Montpelier and appeared before the county board.

Pvt. Paul A. Cook, Headquarters Co., Camp Greene, writes enthusiastically of the good treatment he has received since joining the army at Newport News, Va., where 10 soldiers stopped over a couple of days on their way south. He says: "The Red Cross feeds us and gives us smokes and if anyone tells you the Red Cross cheats the boys, tell them they have been misinformed." He also speaks very highly of what the Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus are doing for the boys.

Frank MacNamee of Chelsea, Mass., a lumber jack, who was arrested on an intoxication charge Saturday night, appeared before Magistrate H. W. Scott in municipal court this morning and acknowledged a first offense. A fine of \$5 with costs was more than MacNamee could pay, and he went to jail. John W. Reason of Graniteville admitted a first offense and arranged to settle his account with the judge. The second respondent, a plaintiff, Ambrosini, who had contracted with the defendant, a Northfield granite manufacturer, to do the carving. Much of the testimony centered around the alleged inferiority of a block of Westerly granite, out of which the angel form was wrought.

WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

Report for the Week Ending Jan. 19, 1918.

Calls at headquarters 10
Letters written 13
Farm visits made 3
Meetings 3
Attendance 62
Miles traveled 138

The county agent has attended some of the local N. E. M. P. A. meetings this week. These meetings have not been attended as well as they should be. An organization that is in a position to get the best possible price for milk and butter for the producer, which in the case of the New England farmer amounts to over 80 per cent. of his total income, should be supported by the producers, not only by their membership, but by their attendance at the meetings, especially where the officers are elected who will be responsible for the conduct of the organization. A membership does not make an organization. It takes active support to do this.

Exchange Activities.
The exchange is coming along well. New members are coming in every day. The exchange is in a position now to furnish the best of seeds of all kinds. A lot of time and pains have been taken by the manager and the county agent in going over samples of seed and comparing prices, and as a result the exchange is able to offer the best seed that is obtainable at a reasonable price. Nothing but seed of the very best quality is handled. The purity tests run from 98.5 per cent. in the case of the alaska clover to 99.7 per cent. on the timothy, and the prices are good. If you are interested, and you should be, just "phone in or write for the price list on the seeds and get your order in early, as the prices are climbing all of the time. In the case of the seed corn, the situation is particularly bad. Good seed corn for silage in this section is a hard thing to find. Because the county agent has been working on this seed-corn

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Use more fish. Beef and hogs are fed on expensive grain. Fish feed themselves.
Salt Cod Pieces, lb. 15c
Old Style Salt Cod Fish, whole per lb. 18c
Salt Salmon, whole, lb. 20c
Salt Herrin, 10-lb kits. \$1.25
Karo, maple flavor, can. 20c
Molasses, per can. 15c
Golden Drip, lb. 12c, or 35c qt. (Bring a pail.)

A 35c bottle of Maplene will make over a gallon of good syrup.
Good Pie Apples, per peck, 35c and 45c
15c Package of Purity Oats for 12c
30c package Purity Oats for 25c
10 lbs. Graham Flour for 57c
You are asked to "phone or send us your orders early—closed Monday p. m.

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problem since last November, the exchange is able to get some of the best of seed and at a reasonable price. Better become a member of the exchange and get in your order, so as to have the right kind of corn to plan. You will get your money back and more, too, by planting the right kind of seed, and that is the only kind that the exchange will handle. Write or "phone in for a price list, anyway, and remember that the quality is of the best and the price at cost. A good sample of grass seed will often have not over 50 weed seeds per pound, while the poorer, cheaper kinds often carry as high as 6,000 weed seeds per pound. There is still time to get in an order for chemical fertilizers. The exchange formulas are made up with the idea of getting just what we want in pure chemicals at the best prices. I will state that I think you will find that the exchange can furnish its members with chemicals at a less cost than the same quantity of mixed goods cost them last year. Do not fail to look this up.
F. H. Abbott,
County Agricultural Agent.

BOY SCOUTS TO HELP.

Will Distribute Patriotic Literature in Barre.

Barre scouts are to do their part in the distribution of patriotic literature, according to arrangements made by a local committee representing the several troops in the city. Under the slogan, "Every Scout to Boost America," and at the request of President Wilson, the boy scouts all over the United States will act as dispatch bearers to distribute literature by our government to offset the anti-American propaganda so widely circulated by representatives of the German government. The first piece of literature sent out for distribution is the president's "Flag Day Address," with evidence of Germany's plans.

The four local scout troops, under the direction of their scout masters, have been organized to distribute the literature in Barre and will begin their work to-day. This is not a wholesale distribution, for the scouts will call at homes in Barre, present their identification card, deliver in person a pamphlet containing the president's message, and, if possible, obtain the person's promise to read the message and then pass it on to someone else. With the pamphlet is a franked postcard giving the names of other government publications. Any two will be sent free of charge by indicating the ones desired, signing name and address, and mailing the postcard (no postage required).

The list of subjects is as follows: "How the War Came to America"; "The President's Flag Day Address," with "Ev-

idence of Germany's Plans"; "Conquest and Kultur"; "German War Practices"; "The War Message and the Facts Behind It"; "The Nation in Arms"; "The Government of Germany"; "The Great War"; "The War of Self-Defense"; "American Loyalty"; "American Interest in Popular Government Abroad"; home reading course for citizen soldiers; "First Session of the War Congress."

These war information books are issued by the committee on public information, consisting of the secretary of state, the secretary of war, the secretary of the navy, and George Creel. When a scout calls, householders are asked to give him a few minutes of their time. Sign his report sheet, showing that he has performed the service entrusted to him, read carefully the pamphlet (it will arouse your interest) and then hand it to someone else.

CAMP DEVENS WELL SUPPLIED.

Each Soldier Has Sweater, Muffler and Pair of Wristers.

That every man in Camp Devens is supplied with a sweater, muffler and a pair of wristers is attested by the division quartermaster through the American Red Cross society and published in the following communication:

To all chapters: On Jan. 9 representatives from this office made as complete an investigation as possible regarding the situation concerning sweaters, mufflers and wristers at Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

We can state on the authority of the division quartermaster and his assistants that every man in camp is provided with a sweater, muffler and a pair of wristers. The quartermaster has received from the army stores 26,000 helmets, which are being distributed as rapidly as possible. These in addition to the ones furnished by the Red Cross are sufficient to provide a helmet for every man in camp. Helmets are still urgently needed, however, for soldiers other than those at Camp Devens and particularly for the navy.

I am enclosing a schedule of the address of every division office and every camp field director. In future if you have any requisitions or requests from individual men at any of these camps, please forward such requests to the proper field director. If there is no field director in the camp from which the request comes, it should be forwarded to the office of the division in which the camp is located. All communication in regard to this matter should be addressed to Mr. Robert H. Hollowell, director of military relief.

(Signed) James Jackson,
Division Manager.

GOOD VALUES

STORAGE EGGS, per dozen 45c
WESTERN FRESH, per dozen 50c
STRICTLY FRESH EGGS, per dozen 62c
BURN'S BLEND TEA, the real kind, per lb. 45c
A GOOD CEYLON OR E. B. TEA, per lb. 39c
GREEN JAPAN TEA, per lb. 29c, 39c or 45c
A GOOD COFFEE, cheap, per lb. 19c
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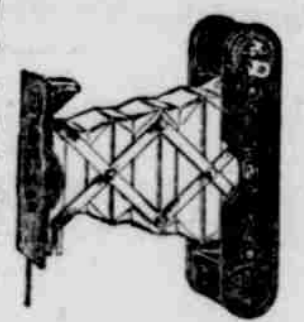
NUT MARGARINE, made from pure vegetables oils, lb., 34c
CERTIFIED, WHITE, good, 100 per cent. pure, lb. 34c
WILSON'S MAJESTIC OLEO, natural color, lb. 35c
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